Traditionally, most grammar instruction has focused on learning rules of English and on observing those rules in speech and writing. This course, however, introduces students to the basic forms and structures of the language and helps them understand linguistic principles that govern how English language rules work. Through authentic examples of the language including contemporary uses (e.g. social media, conversational language), this course moves away from the prescriptive notions of grammar and allows students to understand language rules and forms through everyday usage.